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Hi Chris and Nikki,

The response for the Congressional Research Service Request pertaining to National Monuments is attached. Following our previous submission, they requested that we add additional information for all the years we have available (FY1998 - FY2016). The updated information and write up are very similar to the versions we previously submitted, except for some minor edits and those pertaining to the additional years included.

Please let me know if you have any questions or edits. Following your review feel free to submit to Jamie Pool for WO-100 review/the Congressional Research Service. I am also happy to submit it to Jamie if you prefer.

Thank you!

Best,

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**Congressional Research Service Request  
National Monument Destruction of Objects, etc.  
BLM Draft Response**

This response was created with support from WO-400, WO-120, and WO-240.

**Background:** The Congressional Research Service requested information on destruction or theft of objects, artifacts, and other resources within monuments designated under the Antiquities Act for the most recent years available. The National Conservation Lands coordinated with Legislative Affairs, Law Enforcement, and Cultural Resources on this request. Law Enforcement provided a spreadsheet of law enforcement incidents on National Monuments and National Conservation Lands staff sorted the list for items applicable to resource related incidents (e.g. those that may involve destruction or loss of objects).

**Timeframe:** Data was initially reported from FY 2006 to FY 2016, the last available full year. Following submission, the request was expanded to FY 1998 through FY 2016. FY 1998 is the earliest year available.

**Method:** Bureau of Land Management law enforcement officers input incident information into the Department of Interior's Incident Management, Analysis and Reporting System (IMARS) Incident Management, Analysis and Reporting System (IMARS), a national database used to track DOI law enforcement events. Prior to 2012, BLM used the LAWNET database system and its data was merged with IMARS. The information to respond to this request was collected from the IMARS law enforcement database.

**Limitations:** While the Bureau of Land Management tries to keep as up to date information about public lands, there are limitations to staffing, time, and other resources that affect our collection and reporting of data. The public lands cover many acres and land managers are not always aware of actions that occur on these lands. When incidents occur, the best efforts are made to track and report them. However, if incidents were not identified to the law enforcement professionals or the Bureau of Land Management, there is no mechanism to track the information. Additionally, while BLM staff carry Global Position Systems (GPS), there is not usually a physical boundary marking a National Monument or other National Conservation Lands area. This could mean that incidents reported might not have been identified as within a National Monument boundary. Finally, if incidents occurred prior to a monument's designation then they would not be reported associated with the National Monument name. Due to the factors above, the results reported may underrepresent total incidents within National Monuments.

**Results:** Out of 1,096 incidents reported by Law Enforcement from 1998-2016, 966 incidents were deemed applicable to the request. Items deemed not applicable included incidents not related to proclamation values (i.e. fence cutting not associated with resource damage, vehicle damage, etc.). The two legislatively designated National Monuments, Santa Rose and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument and Prehistoric Trackways National Monument were included for reference. The results of this analysis were broken-down by national monument and year. They are reported in the pivot table entitled 'Response 1998-2016'. The previously submitted response is also attached in the same spreadsheet, entitled 'Response 2006-2016'.

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